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I. O. O. F.

Angelita Lodge No. 105, I. O. O. F., regular meetings of this Lodge are held every MONDAY evening at 8 o'clock, at Old Fellow's Hall. Sojourning Companions in good standing cordially invited to attend. J. J. SMITH, N. G. E. A. PREUS, Jr. R. S. and avb-6

Orange Grove Encampment, No. 31, I. O. O. F.

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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

WEDNESDAY.....DEC. 23, 1874.

For a State in which the Republicans combined with the Independents, Missouri gave some pretty responsible Democratic majorities. Gen. J. B. CLARK received 19,411 majority and all but four of the votes cast in the district. This we believe is the largest majority obtained by any member of the present Congress. Another member from Missouri received all but 15 of the votes cast. In his district and a majority of 19,087. Still another—BUCKNER—received 12,027 majority.

The Los Angeles and Pacific Railroad Company held a meeting yesterday and decided to make an immediate preliminary survey of their road. The line of this road is directly through the lands of the Centinela Land Company and will reach the water at the Salt Works, where a short wharf will give them water of sufficient depth for large sea-going vessels. It is proposed to connect this road with the Main Street Railroad at the western limits of the city and run the cars in and out of the city by horse power. As the Los Angeles and Pacific Railroad Company is largely composed of the Centinela Land Company, who will be greatly benefited by its construction, the prospect for it turning out something more than a railroad on paper is very favorable.

Panamint.

Mr. W. B. CALDWELL arrived in this city yesterday, four days from Panamint. He reports the weather so cold that ice and frost are common in the morning. The Jacob's mill had been running about an hour when he left. There were a great many people at Panamint, and the arrivals largely exceeded the departures. There was no actual realization from the mines, though money was quite plenty and times lively. The town of Panamint now contains about fifty houses and others were going up as fast as material could be obtained. Lumber was worth twenty-five cents per foot. Wild Rose District, ten miles north of Panamint, was attracting a good deal of attention. The ledges were numerous and many were locating claims. The new Coso mines, some forty miles east of south from Owens Lake, had caused great excitement. BEAUDRY and BELSHAW had just returned from the district and pronounced the ledges numerous and as rich as any in Panamint. The confidence of the miners in the richness and extent of the ledges about Panamint has greatly increased and the owners of claims are satisfied that they have fabulous fortunes almost within their reach. JONES and STEWART are both at Panamint, making preparations for extensive operations as soon as Spring opens.

Rapid Improvement.

A walk over the high lands will show a vast improvement in that locality within the past four months. Real estate in the hills has kept pace with the advance in other portions of the city. A single instance will illustrate the ratio of increase in the value of this high land property. It will also serve to illustrate the rapid advance in real estate in and around this city. In June last a gentleman purchased from Mr. BEAUDRY a lot on Temple street, for which he paid \$400. About one month ago he sold it for \$1,000 and last week the same lot, just as it was purchased in June, sold for \$1,300. This is an exhibit of prosperity which cannot be equalled by any other city in the State. There are now twelve handsome dwellings in course of erection on the high lands and lumber and material is going forward to be used in the construction of as many more. Second and Temple streets are being graded from the level up to the high lands. Over the high lands are now laid 26,000 feet of pipe, and workmen are adding hundreds of feet daily to the amount already down. The network of pipes is now so extensive that water may be obtained on any part of the high land from the reservoir to Bellevue Terrace, a distance of about one mile and a half. We expect that within the next eight months not less than one hundred new houses will be built and occupied on the high lands.

Another Road to the Water.

It is stated on good authority that the lighterage by which we receive our goods costs Los Angeles \$200,000 per annum. This expense, whatever it may be, is incurred by the people—the consumers. The freight business of Los Angeles has become so great as to be beyond the power of the railroad we now have connecting us with the water, to perform it. Our rapidly increasing trade will soon equal the capacity of two more roads to the water. These facts are impelling our people to undertake the task of building a road from this city to the coast, striking the water at a point about five miles west of the Sea Side House, where it is said a wharf fourteen hundred feet in length will reach a depth of twenty-one feet of water at low tide. A lady—Mrs. LUCAS—has donated the company a large tract of land the point where the road will touch the water, which will be laid off into town lots and sold. The name of the new enterprise is the "Los Angeles Railroad," and ex-Mayor J. R. TOBERMAN

is President of the company. We are assured that this company mean business, that they expect to be aided by and co-operate with the people and that they intend to commence operations as soon as a small amount of the capital stock is taken. The successful carrying out of this enterprise will be of immense benefit not only to the people of Los Angeles, but to those of the entire valley. If we had half a dozen wharves constructed to deep water at as many different points, and railroads running out into the valley from all of them it would be so much better for the country and the people.

Our Little Friend Across the Way.

We are sorry to see our little evening contemporary taking the HERALD's prosperity so seriously to heart. While we know that the Express is dragging along without circulation influence, or even a small share of public patronage or confidence, we have avoided all allusion to the fact preferring not to kick a thing when it is down, even though its fall is due to its venality and mendacity.

Still if the ill-natured little concern insists on a comparison of its puny self with a live newspaper it must be accommodated. We have never sent anyone to find out how many quires the Express works off, nor do we care to know. We however think it probable that more copies of the HERALD are distributed every morning than there are copies of the Express worked in a week. Our full telegrams are taken from the San Francisco Evening Bulletin and the Express does not usually take any considerable amount from any source. The facts show that the HERALD prints nearly double the amount of matter that appears in the Express. Yesterday morning the HERALD contained 30,600 ems reading matter. Last evening Express was an unusually large paper, yet it contained but 16,400 ems—14,200 less than the HERALD. We are sorry our little contemporary is permitting its envy of the HERALD to throw it into a decline. We are neither jealous nor envious of the Express. It is not in our way. The HERALD regards the little affair with no more concern than the ox did the gnat on his horn—does not feel its presence and will not know of its departure.

THE GALLows CHEATED.

The Carson Murderer Reprieved at the Last Moment.

CARSON (Nev.), December 18th.—At five minutes past 12 o'clock yesterday John Murphy, who shot and killed John K. McCallum in this city on the 12th of last May, was taken from the jail and conveyed to the place appointed for his execution. An immense crowd of people, numbering fully two thousand men and women, assembled to witness the horrible spectacle. As the time drew near for the sentence of death to be carried out, the spectators grew intense.

A REPIEVE.

Everything was in readiness, and the officers of the law were about to perform their most painful duty, when the private Secretary of Governor BROWN suddenly appeared on the scene and arrested the execution by presenting the following order:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CARSON CITY, Dec. 17th, 1874.
To Sheriff Swift, State of Nevada:

SIR: You are hereby ordered to postpone the execution of John Murphy until Thursday, December 14, 1874.

L. R. BROWN,
Governor of Nevada.

Deputy Sheriff Parker mounted the scaffold and read the reprieve aloud. The announcement was received with considerable cheering, and there were also heard some expressions of dissatisfaction. Sheriff Swift drove rapidly away with the prisoner, leaving the crowd to vent their feelings as best suited them. Although the reprieve staved the 24th as the time for the execution to take place, it is asserted by lawyers that Murphy cannot now be hanged until he shall have been sentenced, which can not be until the next session of the District Court on the first Monday in March, 1875. Murphy expressed his readiness to die and gave outward signs of displeasure because he was not hanged. It was the affidavit of a twenty years' acquaintance of Murphy questioning his sanity that induced the Governor to grant the reprieve.

PARTICULARS OF MURPHY'S CRIME.

At this time, although previously given in the papers, the circumstances which led to the killing of McCallum by Murphy will be of special interest. Murphy, it will be recollect, was employed at a camp in the mountains, near the Summit House, as cook. For some reason he was discharged and John K. McCallum was given the situation of cook to Murphy, and a quarrel subsequently ensued, in which McCallum struck the former in the face with a mustard cup, producing a severe wound. Murphy then proceeded to Carson, got his wound dressed and on several occasions expressed his determination to kill McCallum. As the latter was passing the St. Charles Hotel, in Carson, on the 12th of May last, Murphy suddenly sprang from his place of concealment and commenced firing, following his victim quite a distance, and discharging three shots, one of which struck McCallum in the back, and proved fatal in a few days. While in jail at Carson, Murphy is reported to have said, when relating the circumstances of his crime, "I declared when a boy that no man should mark or disfigure me and live, and by no man has."

A party of Rio Vista fishermen killed a pelican of peculiar color a few days since. It measured eight feet from tip to tip and there were three pounds of fish in it when killed. The color, brown mottled and white, is said to be unusual if not altogether unexampled.

Eight thousand tons of wheat were shipped from Turlock, Stanislaus county, from November until December 1st, and four thousand tons are still in store there.

Latest Telegrams.

EASTERN.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.—In the House, Dawes reported the refusal of Irwin to answer certain questions relative to the distribution of the money procuring the subsidy and desired the arrest of Irwin for contempt. The question was discussed. During the discussion information was received that Irwin was no longer in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and was preparing to leave the city. Dawes' motion was agreed to. It was understood to night that Irwin had a long interview this evening with the agent of the Central Pacific Railroad Company and on Friday night was closeted with representative parties inimical to the present management of the Pacific Mail Company. The interview is alleged to have been very significant, in view of his refusal to answer the questions of the committee.

The Republican Senators held a caucus this afternoon at the request of the Southern members. The Scouting from the South advocated the sending of troops there. They feared that the Republican party was dead there, unless decisive steps be taken to put down turbulent strife. The party is believed to be in the hands of the Northern Senators.

The Stockton Herald states that a peat manufacturing company to manufacture that article for fuel, is soon to be started at Head Ranch, on the San Joaquin river.

Some citizens of Marysville, who

Pacific Coast Items.

A new town hall is being erected at San Rafael.

There are 11 prisoners in the Nevada county jail.

The retail price of wood in Napa has advanced to \$8 per cord.

The building formerly used as a Chinese theater, at Oroville, is for sale.

Postmaster J. D. Regburn, of Salida Grange, has accepted the office of Deputy for Stanislaus county.

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Some citizens of Marysville, who objected to the increased charges of the water company which supplies that city, have taken the remedy in their own hands and are boring for water.

R. M. Cereton is submitting to the farmers of the San Joaquin valley a proposition for the construction of a large canal from Tulare Lake to tide-water, to be also used for purposes of irrigation.

There are 150 men in the employ of the California Pacific at South Valley. Of these, 60 embank blacksmiths, engineers and joiners and the remaining 100 are employed around the wharves, handling freight, etc.

The north wing of the Insane Asylum at Stockton has been completed, costing \$88,511. The Legislature appropriated \$113,000 for the purpose, so that it appears we have the unprecedented thing in these degenerate times of public works being completed below the estimates.

The estate of Lieut. Gov. Quinn, which was settled by the Probate court eight or nine years ago is to be re-opened and claim to more property belonging to the estate has been discovered. Mrs. Quinn has named Alexander Campbell of San Francisco.

FOREIGN.

From over the Water.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 21st.—A furious storm rages to-day. Lightning struck the powder magazine at Scutari, causing a terrible explosion.

A portion of the city wall was thrown down and many houses demolished. Two hundred persons were killed and wounded.

LONDON, December 21st.—The German brig Guatema, from New York, on entering the harbor of Guatema, Spain, with the German crew, and signals distinctly flying, was fired on by the Carlists.

The brig was stranded on the next day, but the crew was saved by the Republican volunteers. The Carlists fired on the boats during the rescue of the crew and afterward seized the cargo and a special envoy who had been sent to negotiate for its return.

SAN FRANCISCO.

A Body found in the Bay—Confirmation of the Burning of the Japan—A Boy Killed.

TUCSON, December 21st.—Petitions are circulating for an increase of the mail service between San Diego and Tucson.

Efforts are being made to get the services of Refugio River committed to imprisonment and Jos. T. Holmes pardoned. It is hardly probable that they will succeed.

A match race for \$500 a side has been arranged over the Jockey Club's new track, between Gardner's Grey Eagle and French's sorrel mare. A purse of \$600 has been put up for New Year's Day.

The weather is very cold. This morning ice formed half an inch in thickness.

DIED.

CHRISTIE—At Montserrat, San Diego Co., on the 19th inst., of scrofula, Thomas Christie, Esq., aged 23 years.

Notice to the Public.

I have no longer a very large quantity of tobacco, pipes, and domestic articles, and all smoking articles. I have reduced the price considerably so that anyone can do so at a very small expense, by calling at Main St., next to W. & C. Co.'s Express.

The latest Illustrated Papers always on hand.

BORING AND LODGING HOUSE FOR SALE—Goodly and nearly build house. Long lease, low rent, and doing good business. Satisfactory reasons given for selling. For further particulars address J. H. Postlethwaite.

Leather and Reps Lounges

will be sold WITHOUT RESERVE.

WANTED—A SITUATION as Cook by a person who has no objection to going in the country. Private family preferred. Apply to the U. S. Hotel.

Public Notice.

THE MAYOR'S COURT is transferred to the new building opposite the City Hall, and will hold there every Tuesday evening at nine o'clock. The Mayor's office is also transferred to the same place.

P. BEAUDRY, Mayor.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18, 1874.

Notice to the Public.

THE BUREAU OF ARRANGEMENTS

DE. 1874.—T. E. CRAWFORD, No. 10, Main Street, San Francisco, Cal., and A. H. CHENEY, W. M. CARTHERS, A. W. WATROUS, RECEIPTION COMMITTEE.

GRAND BALL.

GALLATIN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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GRAND BALL.

GIFT'S!

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MUSIC BY HOLCATT, POLAND & THOMPSON.

Substantial Supper by Mrs. McKinney.

NOTICE.

The Merrill-Wilcox Case.

OAKLAND, December 19th.—The jury in the Merrill-Wilcox case rendered a verdict to-night in favor of the plaintiff for \$70,000.

From San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, December 20.—Freighting to Panamint has been brisk. Eight or nine large teams left yesterday with general merchandise and lumber.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Johnson left the city Monday evening for a trip to Panamint, to be gone several weeks.

For a stylish hat, a nice pair of boots or galoshes, call at the People's Palace, 40 Main street.

CHAS. E. BEANE,

NOTARY PUBLIC

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correctly drawn. Office, Ground Floor,

Downey Block, Main Street, next door to Bush's Jewelry Store.

LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 20.—

Mr. COHEN & DAVIS, my agents for the sale of Alden Fruits, are agents for the sale of Alden Fruits for Los Angeles county.

DECEMBER 1st, 1874.

GEO. B. DAVIS.

Proprietor.

ALDEN FRUITS.

Christmas Trees.

J. R. BROWN will have a lot of fine

and well-ripened fruit in the market.

DECEMBER 1st, 1874.

JOHN BROWN.

Proprietor.

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WEDNESDAY.....DEC. 23, 1874.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

ONE DOLLAR per Square of ten lines, first insertion, and TWENTY-FIVE cents per Square for each subsequent insertion.

LOCAL BREVIETIES.

There was a turkey raffle at the Fashionable Saloon last night.

A good boarding-house, centrally located, is for sale. See advertisement.

There are messages at the Western Union Telegraph office for H. Woodson and Peirto Castruccio.

The lamp of the light-house at Huemene was lighted for the first time on last Tuesday evening.

The Senator salutes for San Francisco to-day. Passengers will take the 10:15 A. M. train.

The thermometer stood at 46° at 9 o'clock last evening and doubtless reached the freezing point before morning.

It is said that the country around Anaheim is a paradise for sportsmen. The ducks and geese come around in flocks and actually implore the hunters to give them a charge of shot.

It is reported that the Cucamonga Vineyard Company have concluded their year's work and now have their cellars stored with 97,590 gallons of wine of this year's manufacture.

The District Court directed its attention yesterday solely to the case of Robinson vs. Palmer, which was tried and submitted to the jury. No business was transacted by the County or Probate Courts.

The two new passenger coaches just completed at the Railroad Company's works at Wilmington are now making regular trips over the line. Though rather plain in their construction, they are commodious and comfortable.

Orange Grove Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., last evening elected the following named officers for the ensuing term: Horace Burdick, C. P.; A. W. Hutton, H. P.; G. H. Mathfield, S. W.; S. Benjamin, J. W.; J. M. Bassett, Scribe; A. Frank, Treasurer.

The members of the Presbyterian Church will enjoy their Christmas Eve festivities at Good Templar's Hall this evening. We understand that preparations have been made by the ladies of the church for a delightful social time.

A general invitation is extended to all to attend the Christmas festivities to be given by the Congregational Church at Good Templar's Hall tomorrow evening. There will be a Christmas Tree, refreshments and everything required for a good social time.

The Anaheim Gazette of the 19th inst., stated that, by the afternoon of that day, the track on the Anaheim branch would be laid within 3½ miles of that place. With a railroad connection, our sister city will be as proud as a boy with a pair of red-top boots.

Colonel W. R. Olden dropped into the HERALD office yesterday, looking as happy as usual. He reports the railroad track laid to within four miles of Anaheim and says the road will be completed by Saturday night. The Colonel also reports a large influx of land hunters about Anaheim and lively times generally.

William Chaney and Frank Burns, two sneak-thieves, were sentenced by Justice Gray yesterday to sixty and thirty days respectively in the chain-gang. Their offense was stealing a carpet-sack from Mr. Wm. Dougherty while that gentleman was eating his breakfast in a Commercial street restaurant. If all carpet-baggers could be introduced to active employment in the same manner, it would be a blessing to the country at large.

We learn through a private dispatch that Prof. Mulder Fabri, the celebrated musician and instructor, died in San Francisco yesterday. He will be remembered by our citizens in connection with the Fabri Troupe, who visited our city last summer and gave such a successful series of musical entertainments. The Professor died of a lingering complaint from which he had not been free for a number of years. His loss greatly to be regretted by all.

The following is a list of passengers per steamer Ventura which sailed from San Francisco for Wilmington, December 22d: J. H. Lucas, wife and four children; Mrs. Shirly, Wm. Pico, J. Smith, Mrs. Brady, J. O'Farrell, J. Lynch, E. W. Dean, J. Griffith, B. D. Johnson, E. F. Murry, M. Pearson, L. Snyder, F. Bixby, J. L. Mitchell, A. F. Gipps, C. D. Hoyte, H. H. Boumann, R. C. Hickman, Mrs. O'Leary, R. Jenkins, B. Brown, P. Lehnhardt, Miss Kitcher, D. P. Mills, B. Booth and boy, J. Jones, R. M. Stayer and wife, J. Higgins, W. B. Mitchell, P. Leonard.

We heard of a case yesterday which would rival the Scripture story of the man who went from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. The unfortunate individual to whom we allude journeyed from the classic precincts of Los Angeles street to a like refined quarter in the rear of the Pico House. On his way he was attacked by several gentlemen of unmentionable employment who inhabit that locality and while he was being bruised and battered by them, his money and valuables were stolen by some of their female confederates. Their cry of "police!" was raised and the Jerusalemite, a Jewish man, was carried off to a seashore where, bleeding from his bruises and regretting his ill-treatment, he lodged all night. Yesterday he was arraigned before a Justice on the charge of disturbing the peace, and would perhaps have gone to the chain-gang as a climax to his misfortunes, had not a certain just judge advocated his cause and proved him innocent. For the moral, we refer to the story of poor dog Tray. Don't get caught in bad company.

The Railroad to Independence.

The Inyo Independent congratulates the people of Los Angeles upon their determination to build the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad. From an editorial on the subject we make the following extract:

We rejoice to see that the citizens of Los Angeles—the present, and if this project is carried to a successful culmination, the future metropolis of Southern California—are now earnestly moving in the matter of the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad. In addition, however, to the effort in hand to lay the line to the end of the route, the people of Inyo and San Bernardino must wake up to the importance of this undertaking, and the necessity of practically aiding it to the very fullest extent. With the most perfect confidence in lively times for the future, with a knowledge that our vast mineral interests must inevitably make the county one of the very wealthiest in the State, the calmest judgment can see but the remotest chances of an inability to pay, from time to time, the calls which will be made upon the stockholders of the work in progress. Were outside capital profiting itself in sums sufficient to build the road, it would be almost inestimably better to refuse it and build the road with local means. That the construction and operation of the road would work an almost incalculable appreciation of values in our great mining districts is so patent as to require no argument.

A Vote of Thanks.

At a meeting held on board the P. M. S. Senator Mr. Gaston d'Artois was elected President, Senor Don Juan Sanchez Vice-President and Mr. Geo. E. Hoyt Secretary of the meeting; and upon motion of General J. D. Ruffin a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions complimentary to the Captain and officers of the steamer. The Committee reported as follows:

We the undersigned passengers, do resolve, that whereas we have been treated with uniform kindness and courtesy by Captain Thomas Stothard and Purser Henry Gilman and their subordinate officers, we therefore do recommend these gentlemen to the traveling public on the Pacific Slope, assuring them from our individual experience that the asperities of travel will be softened down by their amenities to the passengers entrusted to their care.

Signed—
G. D'Artois, President.
J. M. SANCHEZ, Vice-Pres't.
J. D. REFFIN, Com'mn Com.
Geo. A. HOYT, Sec'y.

M. Lazard,
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Bessie Lawrence,
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J. C. Alvarado,
H. M. Crookhite,
S. A.
Mrs. J. C. Cassidy,
E. A. Shaw,
F. Soule, Jr.,
D. C. James & wife,
O. Meydan,
J. Preolon,
Mrs. H. S. Porter,
And many others.

Too Poetical by H.A.H.

We cannot but regret that people who visit our section are so often inclined to indulge in flowery, over-drawn descriptions of Los Angeles when writing letters for publication elsewhere. They too frequently sacrifice a point of truth to round a period. When giving actual facts, unadorned by poetry or fiction, we consider that we have enough to be proud of; and all such false eulogies as we refer to only injure to our reputation when read by thinking people. As an instance, we give an extract from a letter written to our city to the Ventura Signal:

* * * December is here, with the balmy breath of June; a perfume of flowers upon the breeze, a shimmering of sunlight over all the deep-hued brilliant blossoms in our garden and an intensity of rest and calm in all the atmosphere. The mountains have just a touch of green upon their graceful slopes—the shadows lie heavily through the deep cañons, from which at night the mists come creeping up the heights, carrying the secrets of the sea to the clouds that rest upon their summits. There is so much of beauty and grandeur in these days that we have roads of "dirties" down "drifting snows" beyond the Sierras, he (if a new-comer) finds a thread of uneasiness in all. When the uplands are being sown in rye, wheat and barley; when the markets are filled with yellow pears and scarlet strawberries with purple grapes and golden oranges, and when the standing corn rustles in all the fields, there is no realization of Winter and December is but a myth.

* * * The place is a blaze of flowers, with beautiful shrubbery and pampas grass, moving its softly daintened salmon-colored blossoms in the air; "Lantanas" and "Marshall Neils" open their creamy petals from the veranahas, and the bright "Ageratines" burn their crimson hearts upon the bushes. This is but a type of the many beautiful homes Los Angeles contains. There is a soft languor in the air seemingly inconsistent with the crowded streets and busy life of the city. It is a great resort for tourists, and is said to have had a greater rush of visitors this season than ever known before, coming from all parts of the globe to this land of "wonders." And gold is won by tide and stream; Where maidens are brown as the cocoa brown, And life is love and love is a dream."

Another very astute reader of the above would start out for Los Angeles expecting to find a little Eden here and nothing short of it. He would picture on every hand a growth of self-sustaining fruits and flowers and a Tree of Knowledge in the centre, while the people still retained the primitive leaf costume and knew no guile. Arrived here, he finds himself after all on the sin-cursed earth, and is disappointed. The thousand and climate changes exceed those which he left behind, but he is still dissatisfied and pronounces the whole a hoax and swindle. Those who wield the pen in the interests of Southern California should study moderation; let them stick to solid pros and leave their fine imaginations to the poets whom nobody is expected to believe.

Dr. Brennan lectures at Turn-Verein Hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock to ladies exclusively, on the subject of Health and Beauty of Women. This evening he will discuss the popular theme of Love, Courtship and Marriage. All who are interested in these subjects (and who is not?) should be present.

SANTA CATALINA.

The most valuable piece of property belonging to the Lick estate is the island Santa Catalina, situated off the coast of Alta California, about twenty miles from the mainland, opposite the harbor of Wilmington. Its value is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. It is about twenty-seven miles long, eight miles wide in its widest part, from which it tapers gradually north and south to a point, and contains 45,820 acres. At the time of the sale of the property constituting the Lick estate the island was reserved. The reason assigned was that such developments of the mineral resources of the island were being made as to warrant the expectation that in a few months it could be sold for a much larger sum than at present. The announcement was mildly deceptive. It is about three years since any prospecting was done on the island, and none is in contemplation at present by those having control of the property. The Trustees feel certain that the value of the island will greatly enhance in a few years, and that it could not now be sold for an approximation of value, decided to hold it for a year or two more unless an advantageous offer at private sale is made in the meantime.

AN OLD MINER'S EXPLORATION ON THE ISLAND.

In April, 1872, Mr. Lick employed William C. Bennett, pioneer and experienced miner, now residing at Gilroy, to visit the island and examine the leads discovered thereon, with a view to determining their character and prospective value. As there has since his visit been no attempt to develop the mineral resources of the island or discover new ones, his account of what he saw and the conclusions he drew therefrom apply to the island now as well as at the time of the visit. Proceeding to Los Angeles by steamer, he there procured a small boat and ran out to the island, leaving the landing without difficulty.

THE SURFACE OF THE ISLAND.

Is hilly, and the main range which extends from north to south, shields the bay on the east side of the island from the prevailing winds, which blow from the southwest. The water is deep, the shore precipitous, the surface calm and the largest ships can ride safely in the harbor. On the west side of the island is another deep, level, locked harbor, capable of accommodating about 100 vessels. The southern portion of the island is covered with brush and scrub oak, while the northern part is more open. The soil is arable, interspersed with a kind of sand formed by the slackening of the limestone, which forms the principal element of the geological formation of the island. It is unfit for cultivation, but wild goats grow in profusion and afford pasture for from 10,000 to 20,000 head of sheep every year. The only buildings upon it are two-story frame houses, said to have been erected as a barrack for a company of United States troops to accommodate the miners. In a great many instances the presents are more valuable than \$5, some ranging in value as high as \$50.

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How is it that the People's Palace is so popular with the public? Echo answers: Not alone do they charge very low for goods at the Palace, but they also offer an additional inducement by presenting each customer buying \$5 worth of goods with a Christmas present. In a great many instances the presents are more valuable than \$5, some ranging in value as high as \$50.

You can't name anything in the smoker's line which Cohen & Davis do not keep at the Identical, No. 38, Main street. Their stock is of the best quality and their prices down to bed-rock.

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The jewelry manufactory of Messrs. Fisher & Thatcher is making a great many fine holiday goods, such as diamond rings, studs and sleeve buttons, gold chain, stone rings and other jewelry for ladies; also stone and fancy rings of every description.

If you desire to purchase the best piano for the lowest prices go to Patrick's, No. 60 Spring street, and buy a Decker, Dunham or Emerson piano.

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More About Panamint.

Senator Tom Keyes, of Stanislaus, just returned from Panamint, gives the following information to a Call reporter:

"Well, what do you think of Panamint?" asked the reporter.

"It's a good country, sir; but a mighty rough one to visit just now. A fellow may consider himself in luck if he can find a soft rock to sleep on. It's impossible to find any road to follow, and you have some friend who can accommodate you. Money won't do it."

"And how are the mines?"

"The mines are rich and there are lots of them, the veins running in every direction."

"It's a big thing, then?"

"Well, it's a good thing. The veins are from eighteen inches to four feet wide, and pay from the surface. Why, sir, a man can start to work on Monday morning on a virgin mine and on Saturday night he can pay his men off with the proceeds of the week's work. There are many new mining districts that will be opened up."

"Of course, they are located lots of feet?"

"Located, why, bless your soul, many cropping for miles around was located long ago, and the country has not arrived at that stage when they locate blind leads. I spent all my days travelling around the country and my evenings in company with business men, so that I have got a pretty good idea of the situation."

"Would you advise any one to go there?"

"Well, not now. It's a pretty rough country to visit. A man with a little money can do well there, though, and can buy some good mines very cheap. There are no miners running yet, but when they get them started the district will turn out a good deal of bullion."

"Are there many people there?"

"Yes; and they are rushing in by hundreds."

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A Curious Incident.

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